AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (currently amended): A vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device comprising a discharge space filled with a rare gas between a front faceplate and a rear faceplate, wherein the front faceplate is that which faces the observer, and a fluorescent material layer provided on the front faceplate, the fluorescent material layer having a thickness of not more than about 7 µm.
- **2. (original):** The vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 1, further comprising a fluorescent material layer on the rear faceplate.
- **3. (original):** The vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 2, which is a rare gas lamp.
- 4. (original): The vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 3, wherein the fluorescent material layer on the rear faceplate has a thickness of not less than about 30 μ m.
- **5. (original):** The vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 2, which is a plasma display panel.

- 6. (original): The vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 5, wherein the fluorescent material layer on the rear faceplate has a thickness of not more than about 20 μ m.
- 7. (original): The vacuum ultraviolet radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the fluorescent material having an average primary particle diameter of not more than about $1 \, \mu m$.
- 8. (new): The vacuum radiation excited light-emitting device according to claim 2, wherein the fluorescent material layer is represented by Y_2O_3 :Eu, Y_2O_2S :Eu, $(Y, Gd)BO_3$:Eu, $BaAl_{12}O_{19}$:Mn, $BaMgAl_{10}O_{17}$:Mn, $BaMgAl_{14}O_{23}$:Mn, Zn_2SiO_4 :Mn, $BaMgAl_{10}O_{17}$:Eu or $BaMgAl_{14}O_{23}$:Eu.